

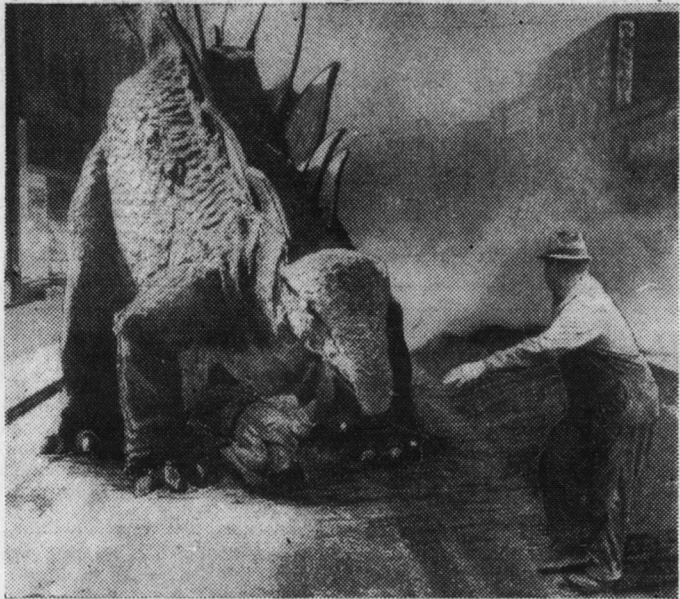
THE GAB BAG

By ALAN BROWNING, JR.



PRE-HISTORIC ANIMAL TERRORIZES TOWN!
Elkin, N. C., August 28—(United Pest)—A creature thought to be a throw-back to pre-historic days has appeared in Elkin following the recent record flood to make away with one person and give the fright of his life to another!

Seen and photographed on Main street by a Tribune photographer in the early morning hours yesterday, the hideous creature, fully 15 feet in height and approximately 66 feet long, was crouched over the body of an unidentified



victim, the while its long tail, thrashing about in anger, stirred up a huge cloud of dust.

Another unidentified man was fleeing the creature as the photograph (reproduced above), was made. Shortly after the camera clicked, the beast made a lunge at the photographer, who narrowly escaped the massive maw by traversing three blocks of Main street in one-half second flat.

An odor hung over the beast similar to the vile smell of the river bottom following the flood. Its body was covered with thick scales, while a double row of horny fin-like objects protruded from its back.

The fate of the victim, seen crumpled under the belly of the animal, is unknown at this writing, but all hope for him has been abandoned, it being believed that he vanished into the tooth-lined jaws of the creature.

Hardly had the monster appeared on Main street than it disappeared. No trace, other than huge foot prints leading toward the river in the bottom near the railway pump station, has been found.

Mayor J. R. Poindexter, when informed of the terror hanging

over the city, stated that martial law may have to be invoked, but he said no action would be taken until a large posse of citizens, headed by Sheriff Harvey Boyd, had made a complete search.

Meanwhile, terror lies over the town like a heavy blanket. Mothers will not allow their children out of the house and those men-folks who have ventured out have been heavily armed. Business is at a complete standstill.

Dr. John K. Appleton, of the University of North Carolina department of natural history, was reported en route here to aid in the search and investigation of the creature. He was reported to have stated that according to the photograph, it may be a throw-back to the pre-historic brontosaurus, which is thought to have belonged to the Upper Jurassic Period. "What I can't understand," Dr. Appleton was quoted, "is why the creature should have devoured a person. According to all that is known, the brontosaurus is thought to have been a vegetarian. But times change," he added as an afterthought.

It was further learned from Dr. Appleton that the animal, if it should be a brontosaurus, is likely aquatic in habits, and no doubt would be found in the vicinity of the river. It may have been, he was quoted, that the recent flood washed out an opening into a subterranean cavern in which live creatures of a pre-historic era are still living, and that this creature has made its escape into an unbelieving world.

Unlike Dr. Appleton, some citizens here scoff at there being such a monster, hinting that the Tribune photographer may have conjured the picture out of a bottle. But those who know the photographer best have attested that whatever his other faults, drinking is not one of them.

The photographer in question was reported to have been in seclusion at last reports the while he tried to catch the forefinger of his right hand with his right hand. His ailment has been described by his physician as a nervous breakdown.

At last reports no trace of the creature had been found other than the tracks, but it was indicated the search would go on until all avenues of investigation had been exhausted.

Everyone believing this story is entitled to a free reservation in the booby hatch.

THIS AND THAT
We have heard that one person vows and declares that while watching the flooded Yadkin at Crutchfield, she saw a house go floating down stream which had pretty cutraims at the windows, and also people inside who were gazing out of these same windows.

It wasn't stated whether they were admiring the curtains or the river.

Now that the flood is far enough back in history for one to sort of take note of things that should be taken note of, the Duke Power Company should have credit for working untiringly to restore current here at the earliest possible moment on the day of the flood. And although it's not generally known, Howard Windsor, of The Tribune staff, worked untiringly to keep Elkin's water supply functioning in the absence of his father, J. R. Windsor, who was away on vacation, even staying up one entire night that you might have something wet come out of the spigot at your house.

That'll be all for now.

MOUNTAIN PARK

Rev. Eli Jordan will fill his regular appointment at Mountain Park Baptist church next Sunday at 11 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Walters, of Mount Airy, visited relatives here last Sunday.

Miss Thelma Cockerham spent part of last Tuesday in Mount Airy.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Adams and family, of Winston-Salem, visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Garlen Goodson, of Danville, Va., visited relatives here last week-end.

The Young Ladies' Sunday school class of Mountain Park Baptist church enjoyed a weiner roast at Williams picnic ground last Friday night.

Miss Maud Swift, of Mooresville, spent last week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Swift.

Mrs. Herman Guyer, of Elkin, visited friends here last Friday.

Mr. Clyde Cockerham, of Winston-Salem, visited relatives here last Saturday.

The elephants of Africa trumpet with a few shrill explosive notes. The elephants of India give a long, loud, deep trumpet.

People's Column

The Tribune does not necessarily endorse any article under this heading but welcomes at all times communications of interest to its readers and the general public.

LETTER FROM REV. E. L. SPEER

The Tribune has been requested by Rev. R. L. (Bobby) Speer to print the following letter. Rev. Speer is one of the best known ministers of Yadkin county. He resides at Center, near Boonville, and for more than 30 years has been teacher of the men's class at Center church.

"When sitting at home thinking of the past and remembering dear friends one thinks of, we want to thank the good Lord not only for some that I may mention, but all, and there are many, little children as well as older ones. I think of the Baptist association at Shady Grove in July. Mr. Blum Holcomb came by and carried me, this he has done for years in the past and it has been a help to me. I wish them well and if I never get to another associational meeting I want to thank the good Lord for the hope that I have by the grace of God and faith in Him that we may meet in Heaven after the morning session. Owing to my weakness I felt that I needed to rest and relax. It was my privilege and pleasure to go to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Reavis and for their kindness, hospitality and personality I want to thank them. We think of Rev. Tom Miles and his good advice, "it pays to live upright." We need your prayers."

REV. R. L. SPEER

EMMERSON FAMILY HOLDS REUNION

The fifth annual reunion of the Emerson family of North Carolina and Virginia will be held at Flat Top Baptist church, on the Dobson-Low Gap highway, about 6 miles north of Dobson, Sunday, September 1, 1940. The gathering will be an all-day session and will feature a number of speakers and other interesting entertainment. Special business will be brought before the meeting and all members of the family are urged to be present. Dinner will be served picnic style at the noon hour. Friends and neighbors are invited as well as members of the family, and all are asked to bring a basket dinner.

WOOL
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CEASED
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WEDNESDAY—

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